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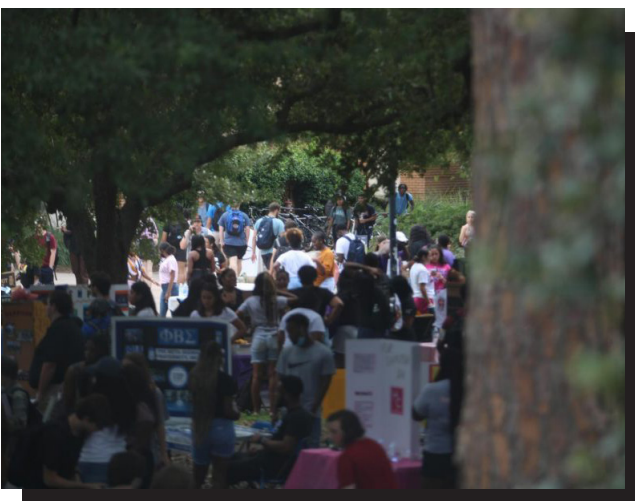
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KYLE JENKINS/staff
Students gather outside of Russell Union and along the pedestrian for a student organization fair on August 31, 2021.



EVELYN SPEAR/staff
Savannah Sheets walks home after getting off of the bus at Paulson Stadium on September 1, 2021.



EVELYN SPEAR/staff
Elise Rodriguez works on a lab report for her biology class in Starbucks on August 27, 2021.

#PETSBORO

LOLA



Lola is a 7-year-old West Highland Terrier. (Most people know her as the Cesar dog food breed.) She loves to watch TV and she has learned how to scroll through Tik Tok with her nose. "She's a diva in her own right," said owner Reilly Corkran. "She's my travel partner and is always with me. She's one of the best things to have happened to me."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday
SEPT 11

One last chance Prom
7:00-11:00 PM Williams Center multipurpose room
Dress to impress!

Tuesday
SEPT 14

True Blue Tuesday
11:00 AM- 1:00 PM Russell Union rotunda
Celebrate being True Blue with UPB

Friday
SEPT 17

Movie: In the Heights
7:00 PM Russell Union theater

Wednesday
SEPT 22

Growing to New Heights
5:00- 8:00 PM Sweetheart Circle
Plant your own succulent and decorate a planter

Ways to elevate
WATER

Flavor Tips:

ADD FRESH FRUIT & HERBS

- * CUCUMBER + SPEARMINT
- * STRAWBERRY + BASIL
- * LEMON + LIME + ORANGE
- * LAVENDER + LEMON + BERRY
- * CANTALOUPE + HONEY + MINT
- * MANGO + BASIL

ADD SOME BUBBLES!

- * MINERAL WATER
- * SELTZER
- * CARBONATED WATER

ELEVATE YOUR ICECUBES!

- * FREEZE FRUITS IN THE CUBES
- * ADD SOME NEW SHAPES
- * INFUSE WITH TEA BEFORE FREEZING

Daily water intake:

ABOUT 120 FLOZ FOR MEN
ABOUT 92 FLOZ FOR WOMEN

WATER = ABOUT 70% OF BODY WEIGHT IN THE NORMAL ADULT.

IT DECREASES FROM 75% AT BIRTH TO 50% IN OLD AGE AND IS THE LARGEST COMPONENT OF THE BODY.

THE EFFECTS OF DEHYDRATION OCCUR WITH AS LITTLE WATER LOSS AS 1% OF BODY WEIGHT AND BECOME LIFE THREATENING AT 10%.

WATER REQUIREMENTS DURING EXERCISE IN THE HEAT DEPEND ON SWEATING.

SWEAT RATE = METABOLIC RATE.

THIS CAN LEAD YOU TO LOSE 24 - 32 FLOZ PER HOUR

https://www.merckmanuals.com/water-health/raising-water-intake-rate

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4164177

Designed by **ABIGAIL DERUBBO**

What is

GENTRIFICATION?

gen•tri•fi•ca•tion:

/ˌjentrəˈfəː kɑSH(ə)n/
noun

The process whereby the character of a poor urban area is changed by wealthier people moving in, improving housing and attracting new businesses, typically displacing current inhabitants in the process.

Definition from Oxford Languages.

Designed by **GEORGINNA HOWELL**

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THREE TREE COFFEE MOVING INTO HENDERSON LIBRARY

Three Tree coffee roasters will move into the place of Zach's Brews in Henderson library next Wednesday, offering their same Main Street menu but on campus with a few GS exclusives.

"Students will experience a very similar atmosphere and product to our South Main Street store," said owner Phillip Klayman in a press release. "We'll still have frozen lattes, sausage and cheese kolaches, gluten-free muffins, and house-made chicken salad. But we're adding in a couple of other exciting new menu items such as the Big Eagle, a 20oz maple pecan cold brew latte topped with honey cinnamon cold foam," Klayman said.

--Ashlynn Melnyk

GS SEES DECREASE IN POSITIVE CASES FOR SECOND WEEK IN A ROW

Georgia Southern saw a decrease in COVID-19 cases for the second week in a row, announcing Monday 116 positive COVID-19 cases in the fourth week.

Last week saw a record number of cases reported by employees, and this week the number has been cut to half, 16.

--Eden Hodges

COVID NUMBERS

Total positive cases: 116

University confirmed: 13

Self reported: 103

Students: 100

Employees: 16

Statesboro campus: 86

Armstrong campus: 30

Liberty campus: zero

GS GIVING \$50 TO EVERY PERSON WHO GETS THEIR FIRST VACCINE

Georgia Southern is giving \$50 to every person that gets their first shot on campus before the end of September.

Every student, faculty or staff member who gets their first dose of the vaccine on campus until September 30 receives \$50 Eaglexpress credit on their school account.

Eaglexpress money can be used on or off campus at 88 different locations ranging from ice cream and chicken wings to dental or vision care offices. Find the full list of Eaglexpress vendors on the GS website.

--Ashlynn Melnyk

GS OFFERING HOURLY PARKING STARTING AT \$1

Georgia Southern now offers \$1 parking permits where drivers can pay for parking by the hour.

AMP Parking spaces are located in Lot 21, by Russell Union and on Sweetheart Circle.

The first half hour will be free of charge. An hour in a space will cost \$1, with a max of \$4 in one day, meaning that those renting a space can keep it for at most four and a half hours per day. The fourth and each subsequent pass will cost \$2 per day.

Vehicles must be registered through the AMP Parking. App Signs with QR codes can be scanned at spaces, but you can also register your vehicle even when you are away from your space.

--Daniel Stackhouse

FULLY VACCINATED CAN WIN UP TO \$5000 IN GS' RANDOM DRAWING

Fully vaccinated students, faculty and staff can win prizes through the month of September in weekly drawings, regardless of their vaccination location, Georgia Southern announced Monday.

The first weekly drawing ends this Friday, and entries can hope to have their name drawn to win \$500 or a University Store gift card of the same amount.

Each week, the student that wins the drawing will

get \$500 deposited into their student account, which can go toward tuition, books and more, or the faculty or staff member that wins will get \$500 to go towards things like research, travel and conference registration expenses, said Vice President of University Communications, John Lester.

GS will draw one winner every Friday until September 30, when they will draw two winners for the grand prize. The winning student will get one semester of an unlimited meal plan and one semester free in university housing or \$5000 cash. The winning employee will receive a reserved parking space in the place of their choice for a year and \$2000 in professional development funding, or \$2500 cash.

Anyone fully vaccinated can enter through their MyGS page. Proof of vaccination is required to claim your prize.

--Eden Hodges

COVID SURGES FILLING UP HOSPITAL CAPACITIES

With COVID-19 cases surging this past month many hospitals' intensive care units are nearing full capacity.

As of August 25 the (NEDOCs) National Emergency Department Overcrowding Scale puts East Georgia Regional Medical Center's (EGRMC) emergency department as 'severely overcrowded'.

While speaking to EGRMC marketing director,

Erin Spillman the George-Anne learned that they are currently caring for 60 both critical and non-critical COVID-19 patients.

Very few of our current patients are vaccinated," said Spillman, but that they continue to vaccinate their employees weekly.

--Briyanna Thompson

FRESHMAN FEELING UNPREPARED

Freshmen started at Georgia Southern face-to-face this month for the first time in two and a half semesters, leaving some with mixed feelings about the semester ahead.

"I was online for my senior year, and I don't feel like I learned anything at all," said first-semester freshman Marssia Scoggins

While others like Sadie Quin, who were in-person most of their senior year of highschool, feel less stressed and more prepared. "I feel like I'm set for whatever. If the classes go online or stay in person, I'm not too worried either way."

Many people also spent that time being socially isolated.

"I know a lot of people who are coming back to the real world, and they are having difficulties talking to people," said Scott Aikens, a freshman who was in-person his senior year. "Being in person helps with socialization and then also with paying attention in class. Being on a computer screen makes it way more easy to drift away."

--Chase Amoroso



KYLE JENKINS/staff

Screenshot from a Snapchat video taken by Kyle Jenkins showing someone making their way down the pyramid of milk crates outside the Vault apartments.

Tik Tok challenge gone wrong

Police bust up crate challenge at RAC field

BY EDEN HODGES

The George-Anne Editor-in-Chief

Over 150 students gathered-round a pyramid of milk crates Thursday testing themselves to walk up and down the stack in a Tik Tok Milk Crate Challenge which got broken up by University Police citing safety concerns.

An impromptu text to a GroupMe group chat with over 550 members brought a crowd of students

to the RAC field to try out the challenge, according to George-Anne photographer Kyle Jenkins in attendance.

The task of walking up five or six crates and to walk back down may seem deceptively easy to many that end up falling on their face, and Tik Tok has since banned the challenge from their search, saying the challenge “glorifies dangerous acts”.

UPD responded to a call from a third party concerned with

possible injuries, said Jennifer Wise, director of communications. People surrounding the stack of crates were there to catch people falling off, said Jenkins, but as soon as someone fell with no one to catch them, UPD busted up the gathering.

Naturally, the party moved elsewhere, and a new pyramid of milk crates was constructed in the Vault parking lot on pavement instead. Students continued past sundown, according to Jenkins.



KYLE JENKINS/staff

Screenshot from a video showing University Police sending students away from the RAC field where they were trying to complete Tik Tok's Milk Crate Challenge.

Henderson Library extends hours

BY VANESSA COUNTRYMAN

The George-Anne correspondent

Students pulling late-nighters have to leave the library at 2 a.m., as Henderson Library's pandemic-altered schedule stays in place this semester.

While Henderson's hours have never been 24/7, the library was a 24-hour study hub most days pre-pandemic, but the Library found very few were taking advantage of those hours.

“After careful review of usage statistics, we found that at most we only had one or no students at the Henderson Library past 2:00 am,” said Dean of University Libraries, Lisandra Carmichael, Therefore, the library hours are 7:30am to 2:00am.

In March 2020, the hours became more limited due to the fact that the university shifted almost 5,000 courses online, and now that many of those courses moved back, the library has recently extended their hours.

This semester's hours:

Sunday: Noon – 2 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7:30 – 2 a.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Henderson library will be open 24/7 on the week of finals and the week prior.

Shenanigans reopens 10+ days after cocaine arrests

BY CHASE AMOROSO

The George-Anne staff

A line of students ran out the door of Shenanigans Wednesday night, their first time reopening since police arrested three staff members suspected of selling cocaine over a week ago.

“I’m so happy that they got to stay open,” said Georgia Southern student Eva Bueller. “I’ve been coming here for a long time, and my friend works here so I am glad.”

“I don’t live here, but whenever I come to Statesboro I always come to nans with my buddies,” said Claxton resident B.V. McNullard. “It’s got a great vibe.”

Shenanigans, a local bar located in University Plaza near the GS campus, reopened for the first time since their soft-closing on August 20 when police found cocaine and firearms in staff-only areas and arrested three staff members involved.

Some people, especially students passing by the bar on their way to and from class, feel uncomfortable walking past it due to the area’s reputation.

“I think it’s really creepy,” said GS student Lyla Burson. “I always hear sounds coming from the back. I don’t understand it. I thought there was a drug bust there.”

“I don’t really think they

should have been opened up so quickly,” said Kolby Smith, a GS freshman living nearby. “I don’t really have any complaints about it because I’m new to the area, but it’s definitely sketchy.”

Shenanigans was voluntarily shut down for over a week, but their liquor license is not up for temporary suspension, City attorney Cain Smith said.

“At this point we have not done anything to affect their licensing prior to an administrative hearing,” said Smith. “The Statesboro Police department will continue to monitor the situation and will advise us if further action is required.”



CHASE AMOROSO/staff

People wait to get inside Shenanigans bar for the first ‘Wild Wednesday’ in two weeks on September 1, 2021. The bar recently closed following the arrests of a bartender, a bouncer and a night manager suspected of selling cocaine on August 20, 2021.

Students still skeptical after FDA approval

Pfizer got the full FDA stamp of approval but some students are still skeptical

BY CHASE AMOROSO

The George-Anne staff

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s approval for the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine has given the green light to some Georgia Southern students with vaccine hesitancy to get vaccinated, but others remain unconvinced.

“The approval wasn’t the only deciding factor for me,” said Tara Rippy, a junior education major who has not been vaccinated but now has plans to. “My mother has an autoimmune disorder, and I’ve had covid before and I just feel like I need to be more aware of others because I know what it’s like. But the FDA approving it did make me feel better about my decision.”

While other GS students, like freshmen Austin Owens and Ashlyn Indrus, are not convinced.

“I’ve heard a lot of negative things about it from family members,” said Indrus. “I think it came out too fast. Even though there’s a pandemic, they should just wait.”

“Yeah, I might get it, but I have to have a good reason to get it,” said Owens.

One already vaccinated student displeased with GS’ vaccine options travelled four hours across state lines to get the Pfizer vaccine, believing it was the most effective.

“I personally didn’t want to get the Moderna and I didn’t like how that was the only option the school was given, so I had to travel,” said Jennifer,

a senior biochemistry pre med and international student. “I had to travel to a different state to get it. I was determined. If people were skeptical about it, this gives them no reason not to get vaccinated now.”

The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, now marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir’-na-tee) is not yet available on the GS campus; however, they are working towards making it available. GS is still offering the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccines.

GS, like many institutions, is offering incentives for those who want to get the COVID-19 vaccine and rewards for those who have already been fully vaccinated. To enter, find “COVID-19 Information & Resources” on your MyGS page and click on “COVID-19 Vaccine Drawing.”

“Yeah, I might get it, but I have to have a good reason to get it,”

Austin Owens
Freshman GS Student

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Created by:
Abigail DeRubbo

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Falcons!

American kestrel & Peregrine falcons

Hawks!

Red-Tailed & Red-Shouldered Hawks

Eagles!

Bald Eagle

Raptors... How many are there!

4 Species, counted them myself
All seen on th Raptor Walkway or barn

Ducks!

Wood Ducks, Hooded Mergansers, Redheads, Ruddy Ducks, Blue-winged and Green-winged Teals plus many more species!

Storks, Herons, & cranes

Oh My!

Wading birds include the storks, herons, egrets, bitterns and ibises

Water Fowl & Wading Birds

We just keep Swimming

Small Businesses of GS Eagles

BY BRIYANNA THOMPSON

The George-Anne correspondent

Current and past Georgia Southern students promoted their big and small businesses on Main Street Friday, where over 40 vendors sold handmade items, paintings, custom apparel and more.



All of the owners had inspiration or reasons for starting their businesses. Kiara, dreams of opening up her own boutique to become her own boss. She is a senior at GS and the owner of K\$ Apparel, a Black-owned business that sells both men and women's two-piece sets, hats and T-shirts with her logo on it.

After launching her entirely self-designed clothing line in May, she plans to expand her line in October of this year.

Kiara's advice to other young, Black entrepreneurs is: "Networking is important. Find your people and find the people going through the same struggle as you in this industry."



Recent graduate from GS, Ginny Tharpe, started her business Twined Fibers when trying to put together a going-away gift for her lifelong bestfriend.

It can take anywhere from an hour and a half to 3 days to make one of her macrame creations, said Tharpe. Friday was her first time selling any of her macrame art. She makes plant holders, bags and many other macrame items.



On a much different side of business is Brianna Allen, an Ayurveda & Integrative health student at the Boston school of Ayurveda. Ayurveda is a Hindu system of medicine that focuses on the idea of balance in the bodily systems and uses diet, herbal treatment and yogic breathing.

"My mom has her own holistic company and she motivated me to work for myself instead of going the traditional route," said Brianna Allen, owner of Zen'Ergy Holistics, which sells healing tools such as crystals, herbs and jewelry. "I want to open up a holistics center for wellness."

Allen became interested in chakras and veganism when she was in 10th grade. Zen'Ergy Holistics is around one year old, but Allen's end goal is to have her own practice and holistic store.



Statesboro-raised artist, Sarah Conner sold artwork from her business Brush Strokes by Sarah Conner. She is a junior at Augusta State and has been painting since she was 8 years old.

"Put your art out there, it doesn't matter if you don't have an audience," said Conner. Her Instagram offers commission pieces along with paintings that she has done which can sometimes take up to six weeks to complete.

Among the other business owners that attended Market on Main, many of them were excited to just be able to come out and promote their business along with gaining exposure for themselves.

This weekend's game preview: GS looks to reset after tight season opening win

BY DJ CADDEN

The George-Anne staff

After escaping Paulson Stadium with a 30-25 victory over Gardner-Webb, the Georgia Southern Eagles will face their first real test of the season on Saturday night as they take on the Florida Atlantic Owls.

The teams met at Paulson Stadium last season, with the Eagles earning a commanding 2013 victory.

Despite Saturday's win, the Eagles visibly struggled in certain aspects of the game, leaving head coach Chad Lunsford unhappy.

"When we left the field, I was disappointed in just how we finished the game," said Lunsford. "We scored first, we did a great job in



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the middle eight, we just didn't finish the ballgame the way we should have."

Offensively, the Eagles ran wild on Saturday. Logan Wright led the way with 176 yards of his own during the team's 500-yard offensive firework show.

The passing game looked good at times as freshman quarterback Cam Ransom and converted running back Amare Jones combined to go 12 of 20 for 135 yards and a touchdown.

The strong week one performance bodes well for the Eagle offense's future under offensive coordinator Doug Ruse.

For the Owls, most of their work will be done through the air. Miami transfer N'Kosi Perry is the starter for FAU and threw for 261 yards and a score in their

opener against No. 13 Florida.

Defensively, the FAU gameplan plays right into the weakness of the Eagle defense after one week.

GS gave up 315 passing yards and three touchdowns to the Bulldogs, despite returning nearly their entire secondary from last season. However, the Owls struggled to run the ball on a talented Florida front, which should bode well for the Eagles.

The Eagles have the talent to win on Saturday, but it will require a much stronger defensive performance. The quarterback position is also a situation to monitor for the Eagles, as Lunsford has not announced who will start against the Owls.

Lunsford: 'This is not the way we are going to play'

Eagles deny Gardner-Webb comeback despite struggles

BY DANIEL STACKHOUSE

The George-Anne staff

The campus is shut down, tailgates are everywhere and Paulson Stadium is packed with eager students and fans. Georgia Southern football is back.

GS hosted the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs in the Eagles' season opener and came out with the win.

Struggles on both sides of the ball resulted in a 30-25 win, much closer than the team anticipated.

"That's not Georgia Southern football," head coach Chad Lunsford said. "We should have went ahead and put that game away."

"What I will say is the great thing is, when I got in the locker room, I didn't have to talk about it... They already talked about [that] it's not acceptable. This is not the way we're going to play games, this is not the way Georgia Southern football is going to be."

Running back and Tulane transfer

Amare Jones started under center, but split time with true freshman Cam Ransom. In the air, the two combined to go 12-20 with 135 yards and gained a touchdown courtesy of Ransom.

GS' Logan Wright led rushing attack with 178 yards and a touchdown. The team as a whole combined for 365 yards and an average of 5.6 yards per carry.

Despite a strong start, the Eagles lost momentum and were outscored 19-10 in the second half.

"It's a win, of course, we celebrate a win," nose tackle C.J. Wright said. "But at the end of the day, that's not our standard."

Following the win, GS moves to 1-0 on the season. The Eagles will be back in action next Saturday as they travel to Boca Raton, FL to take on the Florida Atlantic Owls. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. and the game will be televised on Stadium.



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OPINION

ONE wheelchair for 20,000+ students

BY JILLIAN KING
Deep Dive Topic Editor

There are a lot of things I didn't take the time to think about before becoming disabled. I never thought about whether elevators were past their inspection date, and I certainly never thought about accessibility nearly as much as I do now.

On August 9th, the George-Anne Media Group had its first day of organization-wide training.

Not long before the training, I started using a cane to help with the mobility issues and chronic pain that came with my disability. I spent my summer in local doctors' offices, trying to make returning to campus as easy on my body as possible, but halfway through the day on August 9th, I had overexerted myself.

I knew it was likely to happen, but I wasn't sure when.

I could feel my heart racing as well as how my legs wanted to give out from underneath me. I sat down and waited for it to pass, waiting to regain feeling in my knees but there wasn't much to be done. I had no way of checking my heart rate at that time, and at that point my cane was not enough.

"This wheelchair could have been incredibly dangerous for me."



Fellow Deep Dive correspondent, Mateo Molinari, tried his best to help. He called the Student Accessibility Resource Center (SARC) twice on his cell phone before getting the information desk in the Russell Union to call them as well. SARC didn't answer any of these phone calls.

Mateo was able to get a hold of SARC later on in the day. He presented my situation to the office, explaining that I was having trouble with mobility and needed more than the cane I had access to currently. He was asked if I had a wheelchair of my own and was then asked if I really needed the help since they only had one wheelchair. I don't own a wheelchair, and I was near passing out earlier that day from pain and overexertion. Mateo told them I did need it and SARC said he could pick it up from the office the next morning.

When Mateo picked up SARC's wheelchair on the morning of August 10th, it was clear that the wheelchair wasn't in its best condition. The left foot rest could be removed with little manipulation and wasn't reliable to use. The wheelchair also had a clear creak.

When I sat in it, the creak was clearer. Putting my bookbag on the back made the wheelchair even more difficult to use. Overall, if I had more severe mobility issues or weighed more than I do, this wheelchair could have been incredibly dangerous for me. It is my belief that it could be dangerous to other students.

I tried to reach out to SARC to discuss this issue on a few occasions and didn't receive a reply.

The fact that this is Statesboro SARC's only wheelchair and that it isn't in good condition makes me worry about other disabled students who may need a wheelchair in the future. It is my hope that open discussion about what disabled students need can help our university improve on the front of accessibility.

Seeing as my disability has worsened over time and will continue to worsen over time, I can only hope this improvement can be done before it is too late. Before my body is at the point that SARC's wheelchair would cause me harm and before the lack of accessibility further impacts my education.

It affects far too many students now. The average student may not think of these things now, but neither did I before I got sick.

DONDA is finally here

BY MCKENZIE KERRIGAN

Reflector staff

Kanye West has finally released his long awaited tenth studio album, Donda. The album is dedicated to his mother Donda West, who passed away in 2007. Previously, the album was set to release in 2020, but was nowhere close. The biggest listening event came just last month at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, where he left fans wondering, – “Where’s Donda?”

All summer Kanye has been finishing his work, in the midst of a divorce to his wife Kim Kardashian. The album features The Weeknd, Jay-Z, Travis Scott, Kid Cudi, Lil Yachty, Young Thug and many more.

West ran into controversy when hosting a streaming party late in the evening where he seemingly replaced Jay-Z’s verse with DaBaby. While fans were split over the initial change, DaBaby’s verse went uncleared by his manager,

and was to be not a part of the release.

However, later in the evening DaBaby was finally cleared and is now featured on the track. In texts shared by Kanye, you can see there is a contact issue between Kanye, the manager, and DaBaby—thus pausing the scheduled release of Donda from August 27 to August 29.

Donda is now streaming on all platforms.



Who is
Gossip Girl
now?

Gossip Girl is Back.xoxo

BY MCKENZIE KERRIGAN

Reflector staff

SPOILERS AHEAD

As the new Gossip Girl makes it return to HBO Max, here is what you can expect from the new and modernized series. The series takes place in modern day, so you can expect things to be a little different from 2009. The cast has no returning actors from the original series, so far, and don’t expect to see any original cast soon. The series features six episodes, which offers a different aesthetic than the original Gossip Girl series.

Gossip Girl in 2009 was a simpler

time featuring bright colors, high fashion, and the bustling city of New York. You could say it was suitable for most young teens to watch, however the new series is anything but. Featuring heavy drug use, nudity and mild language.

While the new Gossip Girl isn’t the Dan Humphrey we all know and love or the five others who seemed to pop in and take over, the new series features a twist. While the cast is new, you could say there is still a Serena and Blair dynamic. The six episodes mainly center around two sisters, which in similar GG fashion, are pitted against each

other.

As the new series is more modernized, it includes more inclusivity. Straying from an all-white leading cast, the new series centers its focus on a group that shares different cultures, styles, and sexualities. Many of the new series features openly gay or queer characters, and this has led to some very graphic nudity in the mini season.

SPOILER A new form of dating, or open dating, where couples exceed more than a pair are also referred to in the show. While it is not confirmed, three of the main

roles are shown in the end of the series all engaging with each other.

While the original Gossip Girl intended for a viewer friendly and very bright aura surrounding most of its scenes, the new mini series is the opposite. It strays completely sharing a new story, and as of now shares nothing with the original series. It is not intended to be a sequel or follow up, but a remake of the series. It is not suitable for all audiences, and can be triggering for some viewers due to its heavy drug use, nudity and sexual scenes, as well as bullying.



BY ERIN CHAMBERS

Reflector staff

After 13 years, Britney Spears' father has officially stepped down as her conservator.

On August 12, Jamie Spears, the star's father, agreed to step down as conservator, stating the public battle with his daughter as the main reason.

Spears has been placed under a conservatorship since 2008 amid her publicly ostracized mental collapse in 2007. Her request for her father to be removed from it was denied last November. In December 2020, a judge ruled in favor of the conservators and extended it until at least September 2021.

While this does not mean that Jamie Spears has been removed from the conservatorship completely, his lawyer

states that he, the Court and Britney's lawyers are planning for a smooth transition to a new conservator. As of right now, Jodi Montgomery is the chief conservator.

The Grammy award winner's conservatorship has been in place for over 13 years now. However, Spears's fame began way before that, entering the spotlight when she was just 11-years-old.

Britney Spears first stole America's heart on the set of *The All-New Mickey Mouse Club* (1993). She later released her first single "...Baby One More Time" in 1998 and went on to release hit after hit in the two decades after.

So, why the conservatorship?

In the 2000s, Spears's private life and mental health were put on display by entertainment and news media outlets for the world to see. Her career,

fashion choices, love life and parenting tactics were scrutinized by the media.

At around 27 years old, she was placed under a conservatorship after publicly shaving her head and later repeatedly hitting a car with an umbrella in an effort to retaliate against the paparazzi. This meant that her father now had complete control over her assets, finances and career decisions.

Since 2009, Spears's father has requested extensions of the conservatorship. In 2019, he even requested to have it extended to more states including Florida, Hawaii and Louisiana. He then stepped down as primary conservator in 2019.

As the #FreeBritney movement gained traction in the media, people around the world using various platforms began sticking up for

Britney and demanding that the conservatorship end. Fans across multiple generations voiced their support for the singer.

Gen-Z spoke highly of her on Tik Tok, but blamed certain family members for enabling this type of treatment. Many of the older members of Gen-Z, sometimes referred to as Zillennials, scrutinized Spears's little sister, Jamie-Lynn and their mom, Lynne Spears for enabling the conservatorship, like claiming it's "good for her."

Celebrities and fellow artists, like Madonna, Cher, Miley Cyrus and Paris Hilton, have shown support for the #FreeBritney movement as well.

As supporters continue fighting for an end to Spears' conservatorship, it's unclear what the next decision will be at this time.

The #FreeBritney movement

Market on Main

BY MCKENZIE KERRIGAN

Reflector staff

Last week in Statesboro, a student-organized Farmers Market was displayed on East Main street. Tables were filled with small businesses from across Statesboro. Featured on the small street, vendors sold shirts, food and everything in between.

Art filled the street as they presented their craft that ranged from paint to pottery. Walking towards the end of East Main, a small business could be seen selling pottery and other works of 3D crafts. However, from the beginning you could see many painters had taken this as an opportunity to sell

their painted canvases. Nekeda's Art, run by Nekeda Williams, showcased her portraits of the human form and embraced all body styles in her art. "I believe my art speaks for itself," said Williams.

Fashion definitely was not missing, with vendors selling all sorts of trendy items. Personalized items were a big part of the vendors this year with many selling shirts, and even dog bandanas that could be embroidered right before your eyes.

Something that you don't see often at farmers' markets is self care. ChancexMoon skincare sold eye masks, head bands, skin care products and more. Other vendors also sold

skincare and beauty related products. Natural made products were also a big trend at the market, with homemade body butters making an appearance at multiple tables. A small metaphysical store offered more products such as salts and crystals.

...And it wouldn't be a farmers market without food. While some local businesses such as Rolling Monkey and The Saucy Shrimp were there with small food carts, some small businesses offered fruit cups with yogurt or cake pops. Vendors sold sweet handmade treats to locals, with Native String Gifts selling chocolate breakable hearts, and stickers as well.

All the locals looked to be enjoying

the college vendors, and even the band that had played in the background. All the vendors had smiles and were eager to share about their business with most busy at work selling their product. Market on Main was a successful hit for all ages and hosted an array of small businesses that had something for everyone.

For more information about the businesses mentioned, follow them on Instagram.

@NativeStringGifts
@Chance_x_Moon
@Personalized_Dog_Bandanas
@Nekedasarts

George-Anne Alumni

During 9/11/2001



Jake Hallman- news editor

"We were sort of in shock. At the time we didn't grasp the enormity. My first instinct was- how can I localize this? So we got on the street and did man on the street interviews. The day of was chaotic. It's funny because a lot of my college memories were a blur in a way but on 9-11, so many details of that day stick out in my mind."



Tim Prizer- Editor-in-Chief

"I feel like I had an interesting experience and position on 9/11 because part of my job was to publish the news during the time of one of the most tragic events in American history. I had to go directly to the newsroom to start preparing for the next day's paper."



Bill Neville-Administator Advisor

"I have pride, really, looking back on the events of that week and how the staff at the time all did an exceptional job of covering their campus community. I was really proud of the fabulous way the students came together on a very difficult story by interacting with people to get the information."



Chris Brennaman- Editor of Miscellany & George-Anne reporter

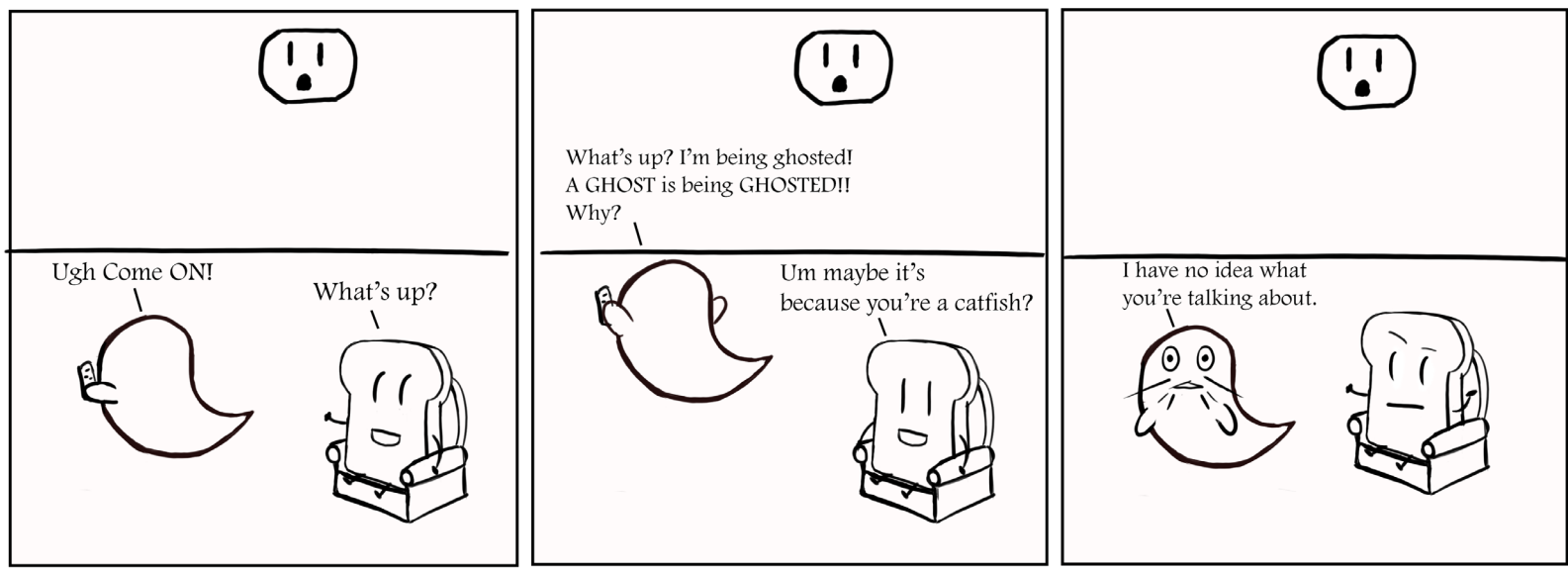
"For the last twenty years people have asked where were you on 9/11? I'm proud of my answer: I was out there doing journalism, doing my part to help the student body of Georgia Southern University stay informed as to just what the Hell was going on out there."



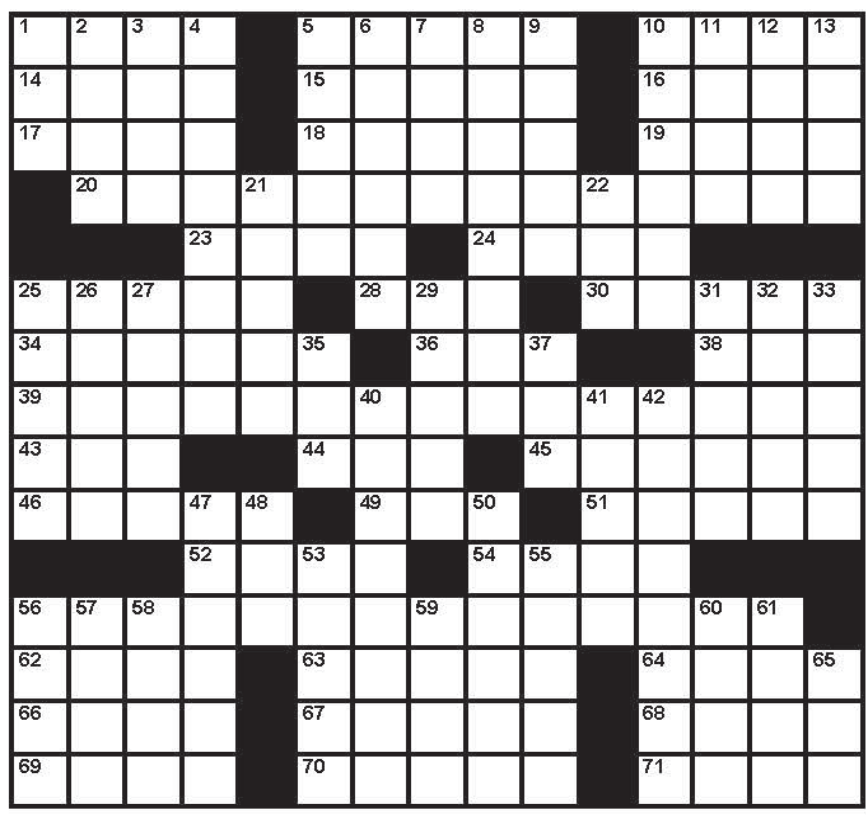
Amanda Permenter-Section editor

"We all just showed up. I felt an emotion I still don't know how to describe, but will never forget. We all seemed to inherently know we were going to be spending the next few days in the newsroom, and we weren't wrong. We spent the next 48 hours together, watching the television coverage, crying, consoling each other and, of course, writing and laying out pages. I honestly believe that's why we're all still so close 20 years later."

Ghost & Toast



Isa: V.



Across

- 1. Eve's man
- 5. Marina sights
- 10. Drawn tight
- 14. New Zealand dance
- 15. Linear accelerator
- 16. Encourage
- 17. Mine access
- 18. Extreme
- 19. Zeros
- 20. Vegas addiction (3 words)
- 23. Cartoonist, Goldberg
- 24. Catalina, e.g.
- 25. Moving
- 28. Born
- 30. Wool source
- 34. News office
- 36. Pounds, shillings and pence
- 38. WW II fighting unit (abbr.)
- 39. HGTV house shower (3 words)
- 43. Recipe instruction
- 44. Put away
- 45. European herb
- 46. Athletic events
- 49. Yellow, for one

Down

- 1. Triumphant cry
- 2. Carpenter's groove
- 3. Related (to)
- 4. Army equipment
- 5. Promotional statement
- 6. Rig owners
- 7. Poker pot starter
- 8. Latest
- 9. Signs of healing
- 10. Dig
- 11. Fruitless
- 12. Jamaican fruit
- 13. Midterm, e.g.
- 21. Surrounding glows

- 22. Everybody
- 25. The "A" in James A. Garfield
- 26. Soft leather
- 27. ___ winds
- 29. Make jubilant
- 31. Of the region
- 32. Skin disease of animals
- 33. "The Morning ___"
- 35. Apply
- 37. Girl in a gown
- 40. Adorned, in a way
- 41. Heart artery
- 42. Backbreaking
- 47. Mideast capital
- 48. Vichy __
- 50. Melodious
- 53. Carrying too much weight
- 55. Took steps
- 56. 60s haircut
- 57. Bound
- 58. Google founder
- 59. Bell sound
- 60. Been in bed
- 61. Fitness assoc.
- 65. Add money to the pot

Adobe	Error	Moms	Serial
Affects	Establishment	Moss	Sets
Alter	Exert	Narrower	Shed
Arms	Expand	Oceans	Shirt
Bayou	Fines	Once	Side
Cage	Firms	Op-ed	Slip
Cartilage	Foam	Open	Slug
Cast	Focuses	Ours	Sources
Cent	Foes	Over	Spur
Cereal	Four	Pads	Star
Chest	Free	Parlor	Stay
Cider	Gates	Perhaps	Steward
Clean	Grin	Pigs	Tears
Cohorts	Hack	Plaster	Than
Corn	Herd	Racks	Tougher
Courthouse	Here	Receiver	Uh-oh
Dads	Highs	Renew	Usual
Darn	Hull	Repay	Vans
Differentiation	Hybrid	Rife	Wait
Digs	Idly	Rips	Wipes
Discharged	Joys	Rite	Womb
Doing	Lend	Roar	
Edgy	Locales	Rugs	
Empress	March	Send	



COVID-19 Vaccines

4 FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

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- The COVID-19 vaccines will not give you COVID-19.**
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- The COVID-19 vaccines do not cause miscarriages or infertility.**
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- The COVID-19 vaccines will not alter your DNA.**
COVID-19 Vaccines do not change or interact with your DNA in any way. Both mRNA and viral vector COVID-19 vaccines deliver instructions (genetic material) to our cells but the material never enters the nucleus of the cell, where our DNA is kept.
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